

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



May 28, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the 2006-2007 Michigan

Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Kyff, who has represented Michigan teachers during the current school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum honoring Kimberly Kyff, the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION

KIMBERLY KYFF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2006-2007

WHEREAS, Kimberly Kyff graduated from The University of Michigan in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and received a Master of Arts of Teaching Degree from Marygrove College in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Kyff has taught for 20 years with the past ten in the Detroit Public Schools as an elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kyff has taught a wide range of levels, Kindergarten through eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Kyff achieved National Board Certification as a Middle Childhood Generalist (ages 7-12) in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Kyff has been a content consultant for Project ASSIST through the Michigan Department of Education and Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kyff participated in the Michigan Department of Education Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kyff has inspired many students to do their very best in school, and has instilled a love for learning in many of her students; and

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers like Ms. Kyff open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of Year program, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its Task Force on Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need for elevating the profile of the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Kimberly Kyff as the 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of The Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Kimberly Kyff and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work and dedication to the teaching profession; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.